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Procession on Sunday, October 25th, 2015
Reformation/125th Anniversary

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

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A Letter From Pastor Erlandson

*O God,
You have promised through your Son to be with your church forever.
We give you thanks for those who founded this community of believers
And for the signs of your presence in our congregation.
Increase in us the spirit of faith and love,
And make our fellowship an example to all believers and to all nations.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Dear friends in Christ,

This was the prayer we said on the occasion of our 125th Anniversary of the congregation on Reformation Sunday. On that day we not only remembered the past, and the former pastors and lay leaders who built this congregation and sustained it over the years. We recognize also that this is God's work, that the Church is what it is because of God's promise of life through Jesus Christ, and Jesus' call to each one of us in baptism to be disciples.

So in several special worship events this past year, and especially last Sunday, we gave thanks to God for the founders of this congregation. But also we give thanks for the signs of God's presence in our ministry – not only in the past, but today. So what signs do you see of God's presence among us today – both in your life, and in the life of this congregation where we gather each Sunday to worship? I see signs in the enthusiasm and energy that so many of you bring to worship and to ministry – not only on Sundays, or in choir rehearsals, but in your daily lives of faith. I see it in the many support groups that meet in the church throughout the week, in the meetings where organizing happens for justice in this community – and people from Redeemer are leading the way! I see it in the generosity not only in financially keeping these church doors open and our building in repair, but in the outreach and care that go out to the people in need throughout our community and world for whom you have compassion.

All of this came from God, who has called us through the gospel. It comes as an answer to prayer – as so many of you pray for God to lead us, and the Holy Spirit to guide us. So today we ask for God to give us strength, and increase in each one of us the spirit of faith and love. We also ask God to make of us examples to others – through our fellowship and witness of faith.

In the days ahead we will be talking more amongst ourselves about where God is calling us in the future, and asking God for direction and vision. The answer requires us to focus on the scriptures, and to be in prayer for one another, for the world, and for direction from God. So now we ask God to increase our faith, to make us grow in faithfulness and generosity – with love for God and neighbor. We ask for God's guidance today and in the future, so that we will continue to be faithful witnesses to God's love for the world, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

*Peace in Christ,
Pastor Jim Erlandson*

November Calendar

Recurring Weekly Events

Sun. 10:00 am ~ Worship
 11:15 am ~ Coffee Fellowship
 12:00 pm ~ Universal Life Church of God
 12:00 pm ~ Praise Covenant Ministries
 3:00 pm ~ Grace Harvest Church

Wed. 7:00 pm ~ Choir Rehearsal
 8:00 pm ~ Courage to Change N.A.

Thur. 6:30 am ~ Prayer & Meditation A.A.
 2:00 pm ~ Midweek Bible Study

Fri. 8:00 pm ~ Words into Action N.A.

Sat. 8:00 am ~ Siloé Church

Other Events

1st	10:00 am	All Saints Day
2nd	7:00 pm	MN Renaissance Chamber Choir Rehearsal
3rd	7:00 pm	Vestry Meeting
5th	11:00 am	Women's Guild
9th	6:00 pm	ISAIAH Caucus Meeting
10th	7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
11th	11:00 am	Happy Seniors Meeting
12th	10:00 am	Happy Seniors Meeting
14th	10:00 am	Girl Scouts
16th	7:00 pm	MN Renaissance Chamber Choir Rehearsal
21st	9:00 am	Craft Fair & Bake Sale
	7:00 pm	MN Renaissance Chamber Choir Concert
22nd	10:00 am	Christ the King
	10:00 am	Craft Fair & Bake Sale
25th	7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Worship
28th	10:00 am	Girl Scouts
29th	10:00 am	First Sunday in Advent

WOMEN'S GUILD

will meet Thursday, November 5th at 11:00 AM. A light lunch will be provided, served by hostesses Jean Tretsvén and Mary Lou Knipe.

CONFIRMATION CLASS

Confirmation class will meet on **Wednesday, Nov. 11, at 7:00 pm** in the elevator lounge. We will have a discussion and practice scripture readings for Thanksgiving Eve worship on November 25.

November Altar Servers

If you are unable to serve, please contact an elder or the church office no later than the Tuesday of the week you are signed up to serve so that a replacement can be found.

November 1	Deacon Joel Michael	Subdeacon Diane Jacobson	Reader Ruth Belmonte	Crucifer Ray Hayes
	Acolyte Jack Sprung	Thurifer David Tannen	Torchbearers Hilary Ziols & DeAnne Hilgers	Bannerbearers Keshon Hughes & Obang Agwa
November 8	Deacon Trudy Cretsinger	Subdeacon Bob Paddock	Reader Diane Jacobson	Crucifer Kymarra Hughes
November 15	Deacon DeAnne Hilgers	Subdeacon Tammy Cownie	Reader Myrna Nelson	Crucifer Ali Michael
November 22	Deacon Tammy Cownie Davis	Subdeacon Michelle Geschwill	Reader Mary Lou Knipe	Crucifer Ali Michael
	Acolyte Jared Geschwill	Thurifer David Tannen	Torchbearers Keshon & Kymarra Hughes	Bannerbearers Hilary Ziols & Obang Agwa
November 29	Deacon Michelle Geschwill	Subdeacon Joann Conroy	Reader Lynn Schibonski	Acolyte Jared Geschwill

NOVEMBER SCRIPTURES

We invite members and friends of Redeemer to read the appointed scriptures for each Sunday. This is a meaningful way to prepare for worship. It also binds us to our homebound sisters and brothers who we also encourage to read the same scriptures weekly.

	First Reading	Psalms	Second Reading	Gospel
November 1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	Isaiah 25:6-9	24	Revelations 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
November 8 <i>Lectionary 32</i>	1 Kings 17:8-16	146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
November 15 <i>Lectionary 33</i>	Daniel 12:1-3	16	Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
November 22 <i>Christ the King</i>	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	93	Revelations 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
November 29 <i>1 Advent</i>	Jeremiah 33:14-16	25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

Celebrate the Festivals!

Worship in November

The Feast of All Saints, Sunday, November 1, 10 am. We celebrate a Festival Eucharist, and light candles for loved ones who have died this past year. Bishop Patricia Lull, of the Saint Paul Area Synod, will be preaching.

Celebration Worship Service, Sunday, November 15, 10 am. We celebrate Eucharist led by the music of our Celebration Band and are invited to present our financial commitments to God's work in the coming year at Redeemer.

The Feast of Christ the King, Sunday, November 22, 10 am. On the last Sunday of the church year, we celebrate a festival Eucharist and look forward to the day of Christ's return.

Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, November 25, 7 pm. We give thanks for all of God's gifts, and are invited to share our gifts in donations to the Hallie Q. Brown Food Shelf.

First Sunday in Advent, November 29, 10 am. Begin this beloved season of preparation for Christ's coming with Eucharist and the lighting of the Advent wreath.

STEWARDSHIP: OUR FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

The Bible teaches that *stewardship* is the way in which we manage all the gifts that God has given us – our gifts and talents, the environment, and our financial resources ("our time, talent, and treasure"). Every year those who are members of the Church, through baptism and the profession of faith, have the opportunity to make a commitment to God's work through the Church – by offering their time, talents and treasure. This month of November every member of Redeemer is invited to make a financial commitment ("pledge") for the work of our congregation. This work includes our ministries of Word and Sacrament (worship, faith formation for children, youth and adults), outreach to the community, social justice ministries, and the maintenance of our church building (including utilities). An invitation to make a financial commitment (pledge) for 2016 is being sent to every Redeemer household. We will "kick-off" the receiving of our financial commitments on **Sunday, November 8th at 10 am worship**. We will continue to request your financial commitments throughout the month of November. *Thank you for your participation in the life of Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, and all your gifts – of time, talents, and treasure – towards God's work in our world. And remember, the best reason of all to give generously to God's work is out of thanksgiving for all that we have received from God – the gift of God's grace and life forever through Jesus Christ!*

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

We give thanks to God for all that we have received on the eve of our national holiday as we gather for **Thanksgiving Eve Service of the Word, Wednesday, November 25th, at 7:00 pm**.

We will sing songs of praise to God, hear God's Word, and receive a special offering for our local Hallie Q. Brown Foodshelf. Please bring donations of non-perishable food items or cash donations that will be delivered to the foodshelf the next week. Following worship you are invited to a pie and coffee fellowship in the church undercroft. Please bring a pie or other dessert to share if you wish.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE

We know that many families in our community face hunger in very real way – when money runs short because of loss of a job, illness or health issue, and rising utility costs – and nothing is left for food purchases. Minnesotans are increasingly turning to foodshelves to feed their families. So the need for foodshelf donations is year-round. Every November and March we highlight this need by participating with the whole faith community in *Minnesota Foodshare*. **Please bring your donations of food and cash every Sunday to worship in November, which we will bring to the Hallie Q. Brown Foodshelf. Checks can be written to the foodshelf or to Second Harvest Foodbank.** For a mark of the church is how we share what we have with those in need. *As Jesus said, "For I was hungry, and you gave me food." (Mt. 25:35)*

WE ARE LCR ... WE ARE LUTHERAN

Thank you to all who wrote down your thoughts about what it means to be Lutheran Church of the Redeemer and definitions of what it means to be a faithful church. All your responses have been collected and will be used in coming months as we move into the future of our 126th year. Many of the thoughts about LCR encompassed both our connections with one another as members and our connection with our community. Definitions of faithfulness placed a strong emphasis on worship and also on living out the love of God that is proclaimed in our worship.

A number of people ventured out on a cold, rainy, and eventually snowy night to watch the movie *Luther*, the recent version sponsored in part by Thrivent starring Joseph Finnes as Martin Luther. They joined our confirmation students for a two-hour trip through key moments in the development of the Reformation movement that led to the formation of our Lutheran church. Those who attended noted the struggles of the times between secular rulers and Church authority. They were also struck by the efforts made and risks taken to set the liturgy of the Mass in the language spoken by the people as well as to translate the Bible into the people's language. These efforts spurred the push toward the education of all children that has been a hallmark of the whole Protestant movement – for what good is it to have the Bible in the people's language if they cannot read it?

Scripture, of course, had a central role in Luther's teaching. He argued against the sale of indulgences based on the complete lack of any Biblical foundation for the practice. He famously refused to recant anything unless he could be proven wrong by Scripture and reason. In the movie, before he leaves his congregation in Wittenberg to answer for his 95 Theses, Luther assures them that as long as they have faith and live the Word of God in love for each other all will be well.

Today, as children of the Reformation, we have easy access to copies of the Bible. (Most of us probably have several copies in our homes.) But what do we do with them? How can we learn to root our story in the Biblical story, to have a Biblical imagination, if we aren't acquainted with our scriptures?

Dust off that Bible (and find your old Catechism, too, if you can). With the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation soon upon us, our Presiding Bishop, Elizabeth Eaton, is inviting us to do some thinking about what it means to be Lutheran in 21st Century. Our roots in scripture and the catechism are great places to start that thinking.

ADULT FORUM

Nov. 1, 2015 9:00 am "Meet the Bishop of the Saint Paul Area Synod" Presented by Bishop Patricia Lull. This is your chance to learn more about the functions of our synod and ask the bishop a question.

Nov. 8, 2015 9:00 am "Pew Report Information About Changing Demographics" Presented by the Reverend Trudy Cretsinger. How have societal changes impacted church involvement and organized religion?

Nov. 15, 2015 9:00 am "Table and Font-Who Is Welcome?" Presented by Pastor Jim Erlandson. The discussion continues about Baptism and Holy Communion practices. Is there eligibility criteria?

Nov. 22, 2015 9:00 am "John Wesley-the Faith That Shocked the Methodist Movement" DVD presented by Joan Foreman. Like Luther, John Wesley's early life was marked by moralism driven by fear of God's judgment. It was Luther's writing that helped Wesley to understand the true nature of salvation by grace. Wesley made it his mission to awaken a church that had once again fallen asleep and to bring God's love to the hurting and marginalized.

Nov. 29, 2015 9:00 am Topic to be announced. Presented by the Rev. Robert Hausman.

There will be an Adult Forum Planning Meeting Thurs. Nov. 19, 2015 at 10:15 A.M. You are invited to attend. For more information contact Joan Foreman at 651-699-0266.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDY

Held weekly Thursdays at 2:00 P.M. in the library with the Rev. Robert Hausman leading a study of wisdom literature. The series will conclude before Advent.

ADVENT BOOK STUDY

Would you like to participate in a study of Mary's Song (the *Magnificat*) from Luke 1:46-55?

Luther and Bach on the Magnificat: For Advent and Christmas is a new book co-authored by Peter A. Hendrickson, Rev. Bradley C. Jensen & Randi H. Lundell. It discusses Martin Luther's *Commentary on the Magnificat*, a spiritual classic written in 1521, and J.S. Bach's musical masterpiece *Magnificat* first performed in 1723 on Christmas Day.

The study will take place on three weekdays or evenings during Advent (time and day TBA) – between Nov 30 and December 17. There will be a sign-up sheet in the undercroft during November. If you would like to purchase a copy of the book, the cost is \$14. Please contact Pastor Jim by November 15.

ISIAIAH CORE TEAM NEWS

November 3rd is **Election Day** in the city of Saint Paul and elsewhere. All wards in Saint Paul will be voting on members for City Council. **This year, Saint Paul begins using ranked choice voting** in elections involving three or more candidates. Prepare in advance by having a first, second, and third choice made from among the candidates. For ranked choice, the ballot will have three boxes and each of those boxes will have the names of all the candidates. In the First Choice box, mark only the oval for your first choice candidate. Then mark your second choice in the Second Choice box and likewise the Third Choice box. *Do not mark more than one candidate in any of the three boxes and do not vote for the same candidate in all three boxes. Doing this will invalidate your ballot.*

The election for members for the Saint Paul Schools Board of Education is different. This is **not** ranked choice. Voters will vote for up to four of the names on the ballot. Through our involvement with ISIAIAH, we are working for racial and social equality in our society. The inequalities present in our schools are particularly troubling. For school board members, we are seeking people with a strong commitment to correcting the inequalities in our public schools.

Once the new city council is seated, we will begin work towards a city ordinance requiring employers doing business within the city limits to provide their employees with paid time off when they (or their dependents) are sick. This time can also be used by victims of domestic violence for the purpose of securing safety and shelter for themselves and their children. This time off will be earned in relation to the hours an employee works. Those who currently lack this benefit are largely low-paid workers who have a great deal of direct contact with general public in their work. Earned Sick and Safe Time not only benefits these employees but the rest of us as well.

As has been seen over in Minneapolis, there will be strong opposition to this common-sense proposal. Watch for more information on how you can help with this important work. You are always welcome to speak to a Core Team member or attend out meetings.

Thank you to everyone from Redeemer who made it to the Faith in Saint Paul's Future event at St. Paul – Reformation Lutheran Church on October 11th. Your presence was noted and it made an impression on the candidates. Thank you for being there!

MUSIC NOTES

Saturday Night November 21, 7 PM, The new **Minnesota Renaissance Choir**, established by our choir director Jon Strommen Campbell, will give a free concert at Redeemer entitled: **An Evening of Sacred Choral Music and Poetry** . Please join us in the sanctuary for a evening of beautiful choral music and spiritual readings. A reception will follow.



OKTOBERFEST

Redeemer's first-ever *Oktoberfest* was a great success! On Saturday, October 24th people from the church and the community enjoyed good German food, music, and fun. The Bavarian Musikmeisters had a wonderful program of German marches, folk songs, and dances – and invited the audience to dance polkas and waltzes. Several "thank you's are in order to:

Our financial sponsors and monetary donations:

Ries Electric Company, Joe & Ruth Belmonte, Mary Lou Knipe, Paul & Diane Jacobsen, Hillary Ziols, Arline Satrom, Robert Hausman, and Gretchen Vanderlinden-Wang

Musicians & Entertainers

The Bavarian Musikmeisters, David Tannen, Katie Thompson, Pastor Jim Erlandson (The Tyrolian Musikminors), Bob Hausmann (Schnitzelbank and other songs), A Touch of Magic (Lori Hurley – balloon artist)

Food & Drink Donations & Service in the Kitchen

Faye & Willie Scott, DeAnne Hilgers, Joe & Ruth Belmonte, Carla Johnson, Kim Tann, Irene Markley, Maria Meyer-Belmonte, Bette and Bud Steglich, Margaret Hibberd.

Set-up & Hospitality

Bud & Bette Steglich, Lyle & Myrna Nelson, Claude Mikkelson

Decorations

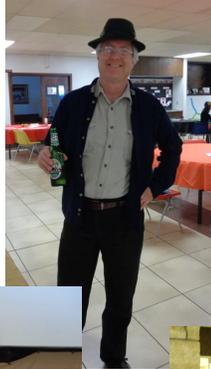
Diana & Sam Rankin

125th ANNIVERSARY

On Sunday, October 25, we celebrated our 125th Anniversary of the congregation with worship service and reception on the Feast of the Reformation. Special thanks go to organist Katie Thompson, choir director Dr. Jon Strommen Campbell, the Adult Choir and the brass quartet of Michael Caerwyn, Paul Grauer, Donovan Weiblen and Johannes Weiblen. It was wonderful to greet the visitors who came to worship, and to greet them at the reception – including representatives from Pilgrim Lutheran (our daughter church), descendants of the church building contractor Olaf Swenson, and former pastors Gordon Vogt and Dann Chapman (and his wife, Linda). Special thanks to our 125th Anniversary Planning Committee for all their work of preparation this year:

Diana Rankin
Ruth Belmonte
Irene Markley
Dorothea Burns
Michelle Geschwill
David Dufresne

Oktoberfest & 125th Anniversary/Reformation



MARKING TIME AT REDEEMER – 1946-1950, by Diana Rankin

This is the 9th in a series of articles about Redeemer's history gleaned from *The Redeemer Record* archives and placed in the context of what else was happening in the world, the nation, and Minnesota. Redeemer celebrated its 60th Anniversary and was in the midst of what has been called its "Golden Age."

1946

- On January 10th the United Nations held its first meeting after having been formed in October 1945. On December 31st President Harry S. Truman delivered Proclamation 2714, officially ending World War II hostilities.
- American men and women returning home from World War II married and started families, beginning what would be called the Baby Boomer generation.
- Luther Youngdahl was elected governor of Minnesota. The Minnesota State Fair was cancelled because of a polio epidemic.
- ***On February 22nd Redeemer held a banquet honoring returned veterans and on February 24th a service of thanksgiving for God's protection of Redeemer's men and women in the armed forces.***
- ***In February the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod and its congregations petitioned the State Department, Congress, and President Truman to allow churches and charitable organizations to send relief supplies to Germany. President Truman listened and issued a directive permitting organizations, but not individuals, to send supplies to the American Zone. Lutheran World Relief assumed responsibility for collecting and shipping the supplies provided by churches.***
- ***On April 7th Redeemer hired Miss Virginia Wolfangle as parish worker.***
- ***A new men's chorus was formed in October.***
- ***On December 5th Redeemer received its first Asian American member, Miss Chiyeko Dorothy Horiuchi. Pastor Lindemann wrote that "We are particularly happy to receive her since that makes Redeemer a tri-racial congregation, a kind of microcosm of the Church catholic."***
- ***Bette Louise Bielenberg (now Steglich) was baptized on December 15th.***

1947

- The Cold War had begun and Voice of America began sending radio broadcasts into Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union.
- Jackie Robinson became the first African American to play major league baseball since the 1880s.
- ***Claire Davis was confirmed on January 19th and church attendance that day was 1,100.***

- ***In February Pastor Lindemann wrote: "it is high time for the Lutheran Church of this country, congregationally and synodically, to outgrow its adolescent introversion and its inhibited provincialism and to emerge into an adulthood which has some conception of its God-given mission in the city, the nation, and the world." The English District urged the Missouri Synod to join the National Lutheran Council. Their petition was rejected.***
- ***On April 6th Rev. Reuben Langhans, on behalf of Redeemer, held the first service for what would become The Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Roseville.***
- ***Mrs. Joseph Belmonte became a member in October.***

1948

- President Harry Truman signed the Marshall Plan on April 3rd, authorizing \$15 billion in aid for 16 countries. On July 26th he signed an Executive Order ending racial segregation in the United States Armed Forces.
- Incumbent Harry S. Truman defeated Thomas E. Dewey and Strom Thurmond in the presidential election. Minnesota elected Hubert H. Humphrey to the United States Senate.
- ***Rev. and Mrs. Oswald Volz and their 4 children joined Redeemer.***
- ***Walter Churchill Avery and Lela Rosetta Speese were married on May 13th.***
- ***Kenneth Korby was ordained and installed as assistant pastor on July 25th.***
- ***Through the efforts of the St. Paul Lutheran Council, children in grades 4-6 and 9-12 could attend release-time religious instruction. Redeemer held classes for students from Webster, McKinley, and Maxfield elementary schools and John Marshall High School.***
- ***By December the Sunday School had grown so large that classes were meeting on the stage and in the kitchen, choir room, gallery, chapel, assembly room, transepts, and annex.***

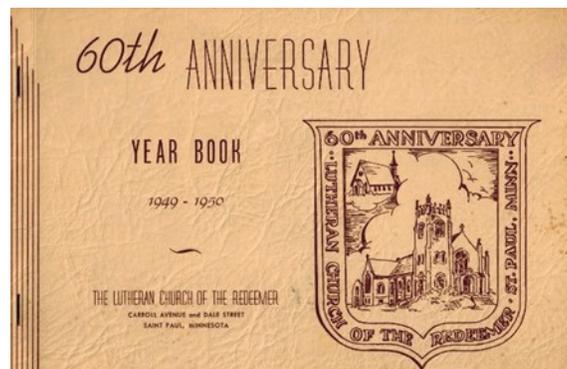
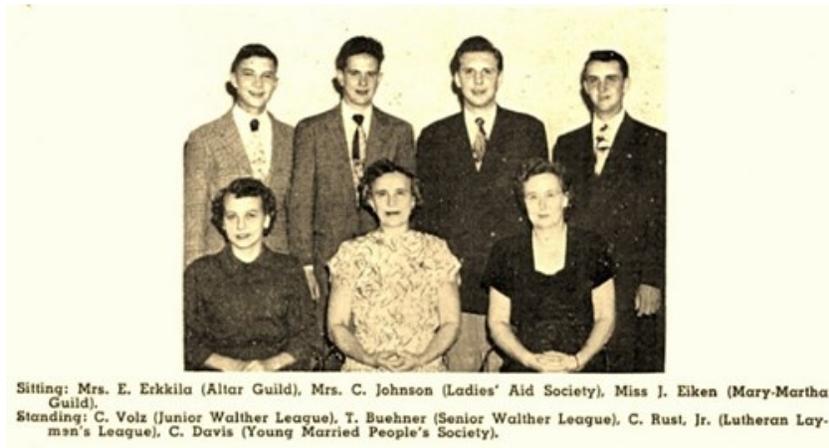
1949

- Twelve nations signed the North Atlantic Treaty creating the NATO defense alliance.
- The Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) were created. Chairman Mao Zedong decreed the Communist People's Republic of China.
- Actress Jessica Lange was born in Cloquet, Minnesota. Hazelden Drug and Alcohol Rehab Center was founded.

- ***Leilani Kunz was baptized on March 6th.***
- ***Claire Davis was elected president of the Young Married People's Society and Carl Volz president of the Junior Walther League.***
- ***Alternate liturgical music pasted into the rear of the hymnals was first used on Reformation Sunday.***

1950

- President Truman ordered development of the hydrogen bomb in response to the Soviet Union's detonation of the first atomic bomb in 1949. Senator Joseph McCarthy (R-Wisconsin) gave a speech charging that Communists had infiltrated the State Department.
- The Korean War began on June 25th.
- ***This was Redeemer's 60th Anniversary year. Redeemer's communicant membership had increased from only 11 in 1890 to 1,517 in 1948. Staff included Herbert Lindemann, pastor; Frederick C. Dising, Director of Christian Education and Music; Kenneth Korby, Assistant Pastor; Miss Phyllis Lindberg, Parish Worker; Miss Vonna Davidson, Office Manager; and Paul Beyer, Sexton.***



The 4th Annual

Craft Art & Bake Sale

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10AM - 3PM Sun

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